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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed.

The cited Japanese document was recently cited in a Japanese Office Action, which is dated September 22, 2005, issued on a foreign counterpart application. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

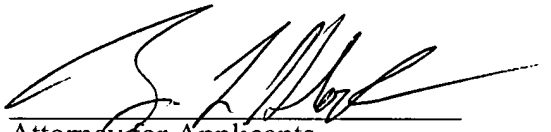
U.S. Patent No. 6,192,138 corresponds to JP 10-308943.

Applicants submit no fee is due since a first Office Action has not been issued.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

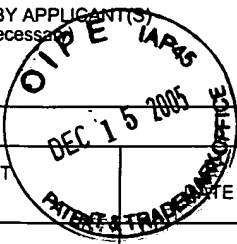
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